

## All Church News

### Minister's Message

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Last week I had an opportunity to participate in a program called Bethany Fellows. Bethany Fellows is a mentoring and spiritual leadership program for newly ordained clergy. Programmatically, it consists of eight retreats over four years. It's an opportunity for silence, prayer, peer support, continuing education, spiritual direction, and ongoing mentoring. If that sounds like a lot, it is. But after my first retreat, I can tell you it is exactly what is needed. The week I spent on the retreat provided rest, renewal, new friendships, and so much more.

I am so thankful for the opportunity to be a part of this program.

As I was beginning to learn about Bethany Fellows, I learned that up to 40% of young clergy leave congregational ministry in their first five years. There are many reasons for this, but a large part of it is that it is easy for people in ministry to feel alone in leadership, without the support they need. Along the way, it is not uncommon to neglect their own selves to the point of burnout, physically, mentally, and spiritually. The support offered by this program results in only 10% of Bethany Fellows leaving congregational ministry, with 9% of those who left going to serve the church in some other capacity. The results speak for themselves.

Getting the care we need is important. This is true for all of us, regardless of our profession. God calls us to serve, but God also calls us to rest. The idea of Sabbath is huge in Scripture, but not in our culture. It's so easy to push ourselves to the point of burnout; to the point where we feel like we are no longer effective, and we need to step away. We must find ways of sustaining ourselves so we can sustain the ministry God calls us to. I am incredibly blessed to be able to participate in Bethany Fellows. What are you doing to sustain yourself? Where is your Sabbath?

### Annual Campaign Update

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We concluded our 2017 Annual Campaign last week with a glorious Consecration Sunday service and celebration breakfast. As of October 10, we have received 148 pledges for a total of \$599,855.

If you haven't yet turned in your pledge card to support the ministries and missions of First Christian Church, it's not too late! Visit [www.fcedmond.org/generosity](http://www.fcedmond.org/generosity) to pledge online.

Your pledge helps us with wise and effective budgeting to support our 2018-year of ministry. Please prayerfully offer your support today. It's through your generous financial contribution, commitment to serve, and compassion for others that we as a church family minister to our community and our world.

### Outreach October

**CONTACT: Gwen Shaw [Etta1218@aol.com](mailto:Etta1218@aol.com) 405.826.6140**

The First Christian Church Outreach Ministry Team is excited to present Outreach October! This month, we'll feature one of our Outreach partners, as well as other partners, and have ways you can get involved, either as an ongoing volunteer, participating in an event, donating items or volunteering for a day. There will be something for everyone!

Our Outreach October featured partners are: Habitat for Humanity, Refuge Fellowship, Mobile Meals, The Hope Center and the First Christian Church Edmond Benevolence Fund. If you sign up for the Habitat for Humanity build date you will receive a free t-shirt!

The Outreach Ministry Team will have a table in the rotunda each Sunday, so please stop by and see how you can serve. You can also enter to win a free t-shirt!

### **Join us for these upcoming Outreach events:**

October 15 - Nurse flu shots, 8-12pm Workroom

November 18 - Habitat Build Day

Week of November 13-20 Operation Christmas Child Collection Week

December 16 - Refuge Fellowship Children's Christmas Party

Alternative Christmas Market – More details to come!

## **Watch a FREE Live Stream of Dave Ramsey's Smart Money Event**

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Over the last 25 years, millions of lives have been changed through Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. On Tuesday, November 7, Dave will be live streaming his Smart Money event to churches and Financial Peace University classes across the country. We are excited to announce First Christian Church will be a host site for this event. The best part? It's absolutely free for you to attend!

Dave and Rachel Cruze will take the stage on November 7 in Phoenix, and we will stream the event in real time starting at 7pm and ending at 10pm. We'd love for you to join us. Childcare is available upon request.

Sign up today to be a part of this amazing event at [www.fccedmond.org/register](http://www.fccedmond.org/register)

## **Submit Your Photos for Veteran's Day**

**CONTACT: Jennifer Humphrey [jhumphrey@fccedmond.org](mailto:jhumphrey@fccedmond.org) 405.341.3544**

Veteran's Day is Saturday, November 11 and First Christian Church would like to honor our veterans with a slide presentation prior to worship service on November 12. If you would like to be honored or have your loved one honored, please submit a photo in uniform, including full name, title and rank. Send submissions to [news@fccedmond.org](mailto:news@fccedmond.org) or place in Jennifer Humphrey's church mailbox in the workroom. (Note: If you have previously submitted a photo, you may confirm its submission by emailing Jennifer, above.)

## **Wednesday UNITE!**

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Join us on Wednesday evenings for food, fellowship, learning and fun! Adults, children and students can UNITE for a delicious meal, share meaningful conversation, and experience faith development in one of our classes or small groups. UNITE is a place to grow in your faith and form lasting relationships in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

See <http://www.fccedmond.org/unite> for a complete list of adult, children, and student activities.

## **Dates to Remember**

**October 15 – Flu Shots, 8-12pm Rotunda**

**October 18 & 25 – Advanced Tai Chi Classes, 9:30am Fellowship Hall**

**October 18 – NO UNITE! Fall Break**

**October 19 – Lunch Bunch, 10am games, lunch served at 11:30am**

**October 19-23 – Fall Break**

**October 22 – Life After Loss, 4:30pm Room 130**

**October 29 – Finance Town Hall Meeting, 10am Chapel**

**November 4 – Daylight Saving Time Ends – Fall Back!**

## Worship News

### On the Worship Schedule

Worship at First Christian – Sundays at 8:15, 9 & 11am

**October 15, 2017** - Minister: Rev. Chris Shorow; Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-6; *Children Worship & Wonder: The 10 Best Ways to Live*

**October 22, 2017** - Minister: Rev. Dr. John Regan; Scripture: Romans 16:17-27; *Children Worship & Wonder: The Ark & A Tent for God*

**October 29, 2017** - Minister: Rev. Micah James; Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:14-17; *Children Worship & Wonder: The Promised Land*

### Watch and Listen to Sermons Online

Watch and listen to sermons from our worship services anytime! To watch live streaming of our services, follow the link at [www.fccedmond.org/live](http://www.fccedmond.org/live). To listen, visit our [Sermons](#) page at [www.fccedmond.org](http://www.fccedmond.org). Tell your friends, neighbors, family, and co-workers about First Christian Church, point them to our website, and encourage them to watch and listen online!

**Need Wifi?** Be our guest! Public wifi access is available at First Christian Church. Use password "fccedmond".

**"Like" our Facebook page - First Christian Church of Edmond - and stay up-to-date on all the latest events!**

## Serve News

### Serving Up Some Fall Fun!

**CONTACT: Jennifer Humphrey [jhumphrey@fccedmond.org](mailto:jhumphrey@fccedmond.org) 405.341.3544**

**Attention Sunday School Classes** – Children's Ministry is hosting a Costume Carnival on Friday, October 27, from 6 to 7:30pm. We want the whole church involved in this family fun event. Sign up NOW to decorate your Sunday School Classroom and hand out candy (provided by Children's Ministries, if needed) to the littles from your door. You can also host a carnival-style game in your room – even more fun for the kids! If you have wanted to get your class involved in some inter-generational moments at First Christian Church, this is the perfect time. Contact Jennifer (above) to sign up.

### Habit for Humanity Build – We Need You!

**CONTACT: John Earnheart [johnearnheart@gmail.com](mailto:johnearnheart@gmail.com) 405.501.7665**

Saturday, November 18, First Christian Church will help build another Habitat home in Legacy Estates. Legacy Estates is the Habitat neighborhood in Oklahoma City. We will begin at 8am and go until about 3pm.

To make this build successful - your help is needed! Volunteers (16 years and older with a signed release form) are needed to drive nails, lift walls, help clean the site, and provide the workers with refreshments and lunch. Watch for more details and sign-up sheets at the table in the rotunda on Sunday. We look forward to having a lot of people helping us!

### We Need YOU at Breakfast on Boulevard!

**CONTACT: Judy Griffis 405.348.1443**

Breakfast on Boulevard (BOB), a ministry of First Christian Church, serves breakfast and offers a sack lunch each weekday morning to those in our community in need. This ministry is possible only through the generous support and time given by its volunteers. Currently, BOB is experiencing record numbers and is in need of additional volunteers! The hours are early, but the reward is great. ...*He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep." John 21:17*

# Children's News

## Children's Events and Costume Carnival Fun!

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*Ages 3 -5 grade, join us each Sunday morning at 10am in the Children's Education Building for Sunday school and each Wednesday evening from 5-7:30pm for UNITE!*

**Friday, October 27, from 6-7:30pm** Children's Ministry is hosting a Costume Carnival. Children and their families are invited for pizza, trick-or-treating, games and fun! Kids (and adults!) can dress up, trick-or-treat the Sunday school classrooms, play carnival-style games and even join in a Kooky Cake Walk in the gym! **Bring a canned food item to donate to the Edmond HOPE Center.** We hope to see you there!

We would gladly accept dressed up volunteers to assist with running the games, handing out the pizza and baking and bringing treats for the cake walk! To sign up to bring treats, go to: [https://fcedmond.ccbchurch.com/need\\_detail.php?need\\_id=273](https://fcedmond.ccbchurch.com/need_detail.php?need_id=273) If you would like to help with the carnival, contact Jennifer (above).

# Student Ministries News

## Youth Fundraiser - Butter Braids on Sale

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Order butter braids, cinnamon rolls and sticky buns from the First Christian Church Youth and support the Youth Mission Fund fundraiser! Starting at just \$13 with a variety of flavors, order yours today for tasty holiday treats. Visit [www.fcedmond.org/register](http://www.fcedmond.org/register) or complete the insert in this Sunday's bulletin. Order deadline is October 29 and all orders will be delivered to the church in time for Thanksgiving. Butter Braids make great gifts, too! Order yours today!

## Fall 2017 Schedule of Events

**CONTACT: Rev. Mark Taylor [mtaylor@fcedmond.org](mailto:mtaylor@fcedmond.org) 405.341.3544**

*Join us each Sunday morning at 10am in the Family Life Center for breakfast, announcements and Sunday School classes and each Wednesday evening at 5:45pm for UNITE!*

**October 27 – Children's Ministry Costume Carnival 6-7:30pm** Come pass out candy and have fun helping with our Children's Ministry Costume Carnival. Watch your email for more details.

**October 29 – Church Under the Bridge 2-5pm** Join us as we worship with and provide a meal for our friends at Church Under the Bridge.

**SAVE THE DATE – Friday, December 1 – Snowball Christmas Party!**

# Care News

## Healing Touch in October

**CONTACT: Barbara Henthorn [bhenthorn@cox.net](mailto:bhenthorn@cox.net)**

Healing Touch is a gift of touch used by Healing Touch Practitioners to aid in the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health of the body's human energy system. It is a non-invasive technique based on a heart-centered, caring relationship between the practitioner and the person receiving the healing touch to facilitate health and healing. The goal is to restore balance and harmonies in the energy system, placing the person in a position to self-heal.

There are no medications or equipment; just an open heart, a set of hands and a willing spirit. Research shows that relaxation and the healing process are enhanced by Healing Touch. It can facilitate a spiritual connection and help with emotional distress. Treatment is done while the person lies on a table, clothing on, and with permission, the practitioner uses the hands with either no touch or a gentle touch to assess the energy in various parts of the body. It often facilitates a calming and relaxation effect.

Watch for a date in October when Barbara Henthorn, a Healing Touch Practitioner, will be available for you to sign up to experience what Healing Touch can do for you.

## **In Our Prayers This Week**

**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER** Roger Banks (Jennifer McGrew's father), Bill & Connie LaRue, Shala Kosir, John & Dot Hammond, Opal McGough, Charles Cone, Laura Harris, Bettye Sherwood, Beverly Terry

**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBER** Sue Dowler who joined on Sunday, October 1.

Please share your prayer requests with us so we can pray for you. Contact Pastoral Assistant, Iris Muno Jordan at [ijordan@fcedmond.org](mailto:ijordan@fcedmond.org) or 341-3544, ext. 110.

## **Happy Birthday FCC Friends!**

**10/15** Clella Adams, Beth Barnes Lott, Ali Fitzgerald, Tonya Fondren, Tami Hines, Emily King, Will Long

**10/16** Gene Burluson, Brant Combs, Belinda Davis, Dylan Goza

**10/17** Amanda Bowen, Martha Fields, Shelley Ryland, Jerry Tipton, Paul Walters

**10/18** Marcy Williams

**10/19** Brenda Dodson

**10/20** Gage Harvey

**10/21** Sue Archer, Carter Cain, Gary Cauthen, Ann Crandall, Mark Nash

**10/22** Darlene Dooner, Mike Felice, Julie Lowder, Kay Sullins, Lane Tompkins, Linda Weddle

**10/23** Audrey Carder, Ali Haley, Jennifer Hast, Don Keeton, Nathan Wilburn

**10/24** Richard Finley, Devin Giddens

**10/25** Mattie Huff, Heather Simms, Shannon Smith

**10/26** Lynn Daylor, Virginia Hiebert, Jackie Koger, Teddi Owen

**10/27** Amy Evans

**10/28** Benny Christensen

**10/29** Greyson Ferrell